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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] Runner 22 extends longitudinally beyond edges 26 and 28, and runner 24 extends longitudinally beyond edges 26 and 30. Runner 22 has peg holes 31, 36 and 40 on its upper surface, and runner 24 has peg holes 34 and 38 on its upper surface. First guiding strip 42 has guiding edge 43, and pegs 44 and 46, which extend perpendicularly to lower surface 56 of first guiding strip 42 and are operative to engage peg holes 34 and 31, respectively, to form an angle A of ninety degrees between first guiding strip 42 and runners 22 and 24. Similarly, second guiding strip 48 has guiding edge 49, and pegs 50 and 52, which extend perpendicularly to lower surface 58 of second guiding strip 48 to engage peg holes 38 and 36, respectively, to form an angle B of forty-five degrees between second guiding strip 48 and runners 22 and 24. So, positioned, second guiding strip 48 extends longitudinally in the same direction as edge 28 of platform 12.

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Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] For example, referring to FIG. 4, to obtain a sixty degree angle cut on workpiece end 90 of a 2 x 4 workpiece 88 using a hand-held power saw 92, guiding apparatus 10 is placed over 2 x 4 workpiece 88 such that the ends 102 and 104 of runners 22 and 24 are proximal to workpiece end 90. In the present disclosure designations such as 2 x 4, 2 x 2 and 2 x 6 are understood as being nominal, and are commonly understood in the industry. In this case, a 2 x 4 has dimensions which are actually 1 ½ inches by 3 ½ inches and a 2 x 6 has dimensions which are actually 1 ½ inches by 5 ½ inches. Second Guiding strip 48 is engaged with runners 22 and 24 by inserting peg 50 into peg hole 38 and peg 66 into peg holes 40 and 54. Guiding apparatus 10 may be aligned with 2 x 4 workpiece 88 by sliding guiding apparatus 10 longitudinally along 2 x 4 workpiece 88. Once 2 x 4 workpiece 88 is aligned and placed against edge 70 of runner 24, 2 x 4 workpiece 88 is held in place by peg locks 80 inserted into peg lock holes 74 along line 78, the multiple peg locks 74 and the straight edges 91 of peg locks 80 operative to prevent lateral movement of 2 x 4 workpiece 88.